



CoC MEMBER MEETING
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

March 23, 2023
 9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Casey Gordon		
Meeting Attendees:	Casey Gordon (Kent ISD), Wende Randall (Essential Needs Task Force), Cecilia Rush (Veterans Administration), Kimmy Srihot (AYA), Georgina Guzman (MSU Extension), Tracy Mulvany (The Salvation Army, ESP), Jennie Compagner (Hope Network), Amy West (YWCA), Elizabeth Stoddard (Fair Housing Center of West Michigan), Sam Elliott-Mosley (Community Rebuilders), Inez Escareno (Pine Rest Street Reach), George Banks (Bethany Christian Services), Mike Waldron (HOT), Caity Young (Family Promise of West Michigan), Mateah Wyant (Exodus Place), Jazz McKinney (GR Pride Center), Victoria Arnold (The Salvation Army), Charli Lee (Corewell Health), Lisa Cruden (Family Promise) Trevor (Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center), Elaine Martinez Vasquez (AYA Youth Collective), Shay Kraley (Kent School Services Network), Bill Weld-Wallis (community member), Carolyn Allen (Covenant House), Hilary Ortiz (Health Net of West Michigan), Matt Perin (61st District Court Eviction Diversion Initiative), Shelby Lake (Senior Neighbors), Kimberly Seymour (Wyoming Housing Commission), Melonie Cooper (Pine Rest Street Reach), Catherine Landers (North Kent Connect), Zenaida Jimenez (Safe Haven Ministries), Bryan Holt (Pine Rest StreetReach) Stephanie Gingerich (LINC UP), Emily Apman (Alternative Directions), Wafa Haddad (Noor's Heaven of West Michigan Services), Alyssa Anten (The Salvation Army), Shannon Tanis (community member), Fran Dalton, (Garfield Park Neighborhoods Assoc.), Eileen McKeever (YWCA West Central Michigan), Gordie Moeller (Double Up Food Bucks), Wanda Couch (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Jeff Dashner (Mel Trotter), Susan Sheppard (Arbor Circle), Molly Perez (Kent County Health Department) <u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:34	Time Adjourned:	10:50

Approval of Minutes		December 15, 2022	
Motion by:	Elizabeth Stoddard	Support from:	Carolyn Allen
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of the Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Wende Randall	Support from:	Lisa Cruden
Discussion			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Community Housing Connect 2.0			
Discussion			



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Courtney Myers-Keaton shared that a website with information on Community Housing Connect (CHC) 2.0 is available at communityhousingconnect.org under the CHC 2.0 tab. She walked through the site which includes an overview of CHC 2.0, what to expect, and opportunities to get involved for stakeholders including people with lived experience and services providers. The CHC 2.0 tool is being developed using a community based collaborative process. Community Rebuilders will own the technology and a vendor agreement will be in place to make changes requested by the community. Courtney encouraged attendees to engage with the process through the website.

Coalition Strategic Plan: 2023 Q1 and Q2 Goals

Discussion

Courtney indicated that staff are planning to re-invigorate the strategic plan implementation team as goals to increase staffing are underway. An Administrative Coordinator is onboarding soon and additional positions will be posted in the next few weeks.

Courtney overviewed goals set for Q1 and Q2 and the efforts around each goal. She also highlighted the development of a Coordinated Community Plan for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding which is not included as a goal.

Stella System-Wide Data Walkthrough

Discussion

Courtney indicated that all CoC members can access this system-wide data visualization by creating an account and requesting access to MI-506. She overviewed data visualized in Stella and the ways data can be analyzed.

Preliminary Point-in-Time Count Data

Discussion

Courtney indicated that this data set is still preliminary. She presented the preliminary data by household type and demographics and discussed factors impacting this year's data.

Request for Proposals for Shelter Diversion Pilot

Discussion

Brianne Robach overviewed the Coalition's recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for a shelter diversion pilot. Responses are due on Thursday, April 13 by 4:00pm. The Coalition is facilitating meetings to develop a collaborative community application.

Courtney Myers-Keaton overviewed upcoming funding opportunities including funding for non-congregate shelter and the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). She indicated that Housing Navigator Program funding through MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) will be allocated to The Salvation Army based on limited funding and scope.

Community Partner Announcements & Updates

Discussion

Wende Randall encouraged providers to complete the Kent County Community Action's community needs assessment survey for providers.

Stephanie Gingerich shared an opportunity to hold a resource table at LINC UP's Rock the Block event.



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Elizabeth Stoddard shared information about the Fair Housing Center's April 27 virtual event "Where We Live matters: Health, Housing and the Environment".

Jeff Dashner provided an update on the re-location and transition for the Heartside Ministries space at 200 S Division. They do not anticipate service distortion during the transition.

Wende Randall shared about the Walk for Good Food which is an opportunity to raise awareness around food justice.

Wafa Haddad shared that today is the first day of Ramadan and highlighted the practices taking place in the Muslim community during this time.

Adjourn			
Motion by:	Molly Perez	Support from:	Susan Sheppard

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